

ENORMOUS GOLD SUPPLY HERE

United States Possesses More Gold Than Any Country in the World.

AT PRESENT the United States has more gold than any other country in the world. In the treasury there is a gold reserve of \$650,000,000, to say nothing of \$322,000,000 more in the national banks.

And to swell the total we are, notwithstanding the vast store of gold in this country, beginning anew the importation of the precious metal from Europe, \$2,000,000 having recently been contracted for.

Uncle Sam's children have over \$12 in gold apiece, which, however, is less than the citizens of the French republic possess. For each one of them there is a little more than \$21 of gold coin a head. Germany comes third in the per capita computation, the figures being \$12.51. Great Britain has \$12.24 of gold per capita, and Russia, with her enormous population of 128,000,000, only \$3.54.

The per capita figure for the entire British empire is a shade under \$3.20, that for India's enormous horde of 297,000,000 souls being only 15 cents. Here, as in other things, the British empire exhibits the most astonishing extremes, for there are parts thereof where the per capita of coined gold is in great excess; in Australia, for instance, there is \$34.36 in coin and money for every man, woman and child. At one time the South African republic led this, with per capita figures of \$26.24, but now Australia is the highest. Canada's per capita is a few cents in excess of \$3.

If one man should own the enormous hoard of gold in Uncle Sam's treasury what a lot of good he could do.

He could pay up the debt of the Argentine republic, and European bondholders would put up a monument to him. It would be rather a costly monument, because it would take all the gold to win it. He could take the burden of debt off the shoulders of Canada. That would make him a promoter, for then he might be willing that she should get under the wings of the screaming eagle. He could pay the debt of New York state, and thus enable us to finish the capitol before we all left us have to pay the last debt to nature. Or, if our philanthropic friend hustled, he could pay off the debt of New York City.

This newly rich man might not think of any of these things at all. Here are a few more suggestions, made in an entirely friendly spirit. If he couldn't pay Uncle Sam's debt, it would naturally be supposed that he could help his uncle out in the matter of pensions. But, bless his soul, he couldn't do much in that line. He would be unable to touch the bill at all, and could only pay the pensions for a couple of years, while his uncle was getting his breath and preparing to start in on those for the Spanish war. If he really wanted to help his uncle he could run the post-office department for two or three years, paying all the bills, and then he'd have either to start out and gather in a new fortune or go to the Home for Indigent Millionaires.

If his brain boiled with bigger plans he could keep up the armies of the czar and William the Kaiser for a year and allow these two rulers to promote their schemes of universal peace.

If his travels in collecting gold gave him the collecting mania he could make a string of skyscrapers here in New York, buying up every building more than ten stories high and the land on which it stands. There are limitations even to the millionaire, but this he could do. And, if he didn't like their style, he could wipe them all out and build twice as many more somewhere else on the island, and in some other way.

The American nation has money to burn. The trouble would be to find a place to burn it. If you were to take this enormous sum of money in one dollar bills and fasten them end to end they would make a string 81,200 miles long, which you could easily wind around the equator three times and even leave 10,000 miles or so hanging out in airy space. To make a bonfire of these bills would probably require one of our biggest parks.

The immensity of this sum, the gigantic dimensions of its bulk in gold, or what is even more startling, in silver, and its value and purchasing power in this world, are bewildering to contemplate.

Distributed among the population of the land it would give every man, woman and child \$12. Distributed among the population of this city, each man, woman and child would receive \$50.

If you will consult your World's Almanac you will find that there are in this country over 70,000 paupers. If this gold were divided among them each would receive over \$12,000—a small fortune.

This amount of money would buy the whole British navy, if that navy were for sale, and leave enough surplus to carry on a pretty lively war. Or if you did not care to invest the whole sum in one enterprise, you could buy more than half of it, or \$325,000,000, buy or duplicate all of the following interesting things:

A fleet of sixty-five first-class battleships.

The St. Louis World's fair.

The Brooklyn bridge.

Half a dozen buildings like the capitol at Washington, the house of parliament, Westminster Abbey, Notre Dame cathedral in Paris and a handful of castles on the Rhine.

If all this gold were rolled into one ball it would make a sphere which would weigh in the neighborhood of 2,400,000 pounds. If you were to divide it into six balls of \$400,000,000 each and place them upon heavy wagons, it would require a long train of elephants to drag them.

Really, this is a marvelous sum of money when you come to measure it. If it were given to you in five-dollar gold pieces, which, according to the report of the director of the mint, are .46 of an inch thick, and you were able to stack them one upon the other as a gambler piles his chips, you would have a golden rod 460,000 feet high—more than eighty-six miles, or fifteen times as high as Mount Everest, Asia's loftiest peak.

If you would rather have the pile thicker you might take the gold in cubic blocks, one foot in thickness, each one of which would be worth \$400,000. If you were to pile these blocks one upon another your \$600,000,000 would make a column 1,500 feet high.

A cubic foot of silver is worth \$12.00 in these days. A moment's figuring will show you how high your column would be if you could exchange all this gold for silver.

If all the gold in the world were to be rolled into one sphere it would make a globe 25.3 feet in diameter. Our \$600,000,000 would be one-seventh of this quantity.

Would Punish Part There Was.

(New York Tribune.) Daniel LeRoy Dresser, the former president of the Trust Company of the Republic, sometimes tells of an interesting incident. Patrick J. Malley, who worked in the garden of his father, "Pat once caught," Mr. Dresser said the other day, "a boy stealing apples in my father's garden. He seized the boy by the collar, took up a stick and prepared to flog him."

"The little fellow kicked, squirmed and bellowed."

"Oh, mister," he howled, "don't do nothing to me, sir. I'm not to blame for this."

"Why are you not to blame?" said Pat, holding his hand a moment.

"Folks say I'm not all there," replied the boy.

"Well," said Patrick, "I can't help that. I'll just lick what there is of ye."

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No Putting off the Christmas Shopping Until the Morrow, Now—The Last Days Are Here.

Store Open Every Evening Until Thursday Night 10:30.

Quick service. Quick delivery. Is what we've planned to help you in these last days of Christmas shopping. Presents for everybody can be bought right here in the store. There's a most comprehensive collection of bric-a-brac to choose from. Beautiful potteries. Charming jewelry. Men's house coats, robes, ties, scarfs. Handkerchiefs of every description. Gloves, Neckwear, etc., etc. For the Children—the biggest toy store hereabout, with every sort of toy in it that Santa Claus ever knew. Welcome.

Evening Dress Fabrics Up to \$3.75 a Yd.—\$1 CHARMING CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Beautiful broche-chiffons, gauzes, nets and many other kinds of exquisite fabrics that will make into most charming evening gowns, extraordinarily underpriced and the dancing and party giving time only just begun. Only four days in which to buy—

REDUCED FROM \$2, \$2.50, \$3 AND \$3.75 A YARD TO—\$1.

Whole Waist Pattern for—\$1.48 Wool or Cotton Cut from Up to \$1.50 a Yard Grades.

No less than three hundred patterns cut from the newest wool and mercerized waistings are to go away during the next four days at this extraordinary price-cut. Broadest kind of variety, best of choosing. Handsome mercerized fabrics in the pretty vesting patterns and the finest of wool waistings. Up to \$1.50 a yard, four days, an entire pattern, enough for any waist—\$1.48.

500 Suit and Skirt Patterns—At Half Prices

A collection that takes in almost the entire stock of dress goods. Even many of the choicest, finest and most staple have gone into it. Thin fabrics that may be worn the year around. Medium weight and the heavy, for winter wear. If you desire to give a very elegant suit or skirt you'll surely find it in this five hundred. Or is a medium or very small priced suit or skirt more suitable to your purse? It's here. And at half the price you expected to pay. 75c up to \$5 a yard dress goods, for a four days' Christmas sale—HALF THESE PRICES.

The Sale of Black Silks—Four Days Longer.

For old or young, the always pleasing, always welcome gift—a black silk dress pattern, waist or skirt. The best that looms can make are in this sale lot. Four more days will close these splendid reductions—

The Lowest Prices on Black Taffeta Silks

The 75c a yard for—45c.	The \$1.25 a yard for—95c.
The \$1 a yard for—70c.	The \$1.40 a yard for—\$1.
The \$1.15 a yard for—85c.	The \$1.75 a yard for—\$1.20.
	The \$2.50 a yard for—\$1.80.

The Lowest Prices on Black Peau de Soies.

The 90c a yard for—55c.	The \$1.75 a yard for—\$1.
The \$1.25 a yard for—90c.	The \$1.40 a yard for—\$1.40.
The \$1.40 a yard for—95c.	The \$2.50 a yard for—\$1.60.

Lowest Prices on Black Liberty Silks.

The \$1.25 a yard for—90c.	The \$1.50 a yard for—\$1.15.
The \$1.75 a yard for—\$1.25.	

NO APPROVALS, EXCHANGES OR SAMPLES CUT DURING THIS SALE.

Baby Fur-Carriage Robes.

Very nice for gifts. The fur carriage robe is sure to keep baby cosy and warm and admit of its being out even in crispest weather. White fur, with pocket and without. \$2.50 to \$5 at regular, four days—15 PER CENT OFF.

New Lot Silk Floss Pillows.

Your sofa may be heaped full of cushions and yet cost little when these silk floss pillows are used for fillers. A new, fresh lot has just arrived. They will not lump, are soft as the name signifies. Sizes 20 to 26-inch squares. These little prices—45c, 60c, 75c, 90c each.

Low Prices on Christmas Rugs.

Splendid lot here of the artistic and very serviceable Granite art squares—carpet sizes—that are worth seeing for Christmas buying. \$4.25 value for—\$3.75; the \$4.75 value—\$4.25; and \$6 value—\$5.

Fibre art squares—the 9x12 feet, \$13 value for—\$10. The \$10.50 for—\$8.

Handsome Bed Spreads—St. Mary Blankets for Christmas.

St. Mary blankets are known the country over, from ocean to ocean. True and tried are they. For more than a dozen years this store has scarcely sold any other kind, and the demand ever increases. Four more days you may buy from the entire collection at—20 TO 40 PER CENT OFF REGULAR PRICES.

The "Santa Rosa" St. Mary blankets. Lovely white wool with pink or blue borders. Four days reduced from \$7.50 to—\$5 a pair.

The choicest bedspreads made—the Barlow Jones. Imported from Manchester, England. Hand-embroidered and the heavy patent satin finish. Gifts of elegance do they make. Sell at \$12 to \$35; four days, \$7.50 to \$19.

Fine Linen Cloths and Napkins Reduced.

A number of very choice sets—table cloths with handsome borders all around and napkins to match, to be cleared away during next four days. Up to \$15 a set kinds, for—\$10.

Separate napkins, broken lines of some handsome sorts, choicest of linen, beautiful pattern designs, 22, 24 and 27-inch squares, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 a dozen regular, reduced to one price—\$3 a dozen.

75c to \$1.25 Chain Bracelets—53c.

Sterling silver and gold plate chain bracelets, wear well and are very pretty, 75c up to \$1.25 each kinds, to clear away quickly Monday and until gone—53c each.

Mittens for Women, Children, Infants—One-Third Off Regular Prices.

Women's mittens in black silk or wool, plain or with fancy backs, sold until now at \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, 75c, 65c, 55c a pair. All—ONE-THIRD OFF THESE PRICES.

Mittens for children and infants, black, white, red, tan, sold at \$1.75, 50c, 40c, 35c, 30c, 25c a pair—ONE-THIRD OFF THESE PRICES.

Women's \$1 Kid Gloves—50c.

Good grade of kid; white, pearl gray, cream, the only shades, but all sizes. Monday until Thursday night closing time, instead of \$1 a pair—50c.

Christmas Hosiery and Knit Garments.

From over the sea came some dreams of loveliness in women's hosiery—indeed daintier than was ever dreamed of. Colors and black, exquisitely embroidered or in prettiest lace patterns. Finest silk and lisle thread. All sorts of prices, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$2, \$2.25, \$4.50, \$6.

Some black silk stockings for women—blue, white and cardinal—heavy weight with embroidered boot, reduced from \$4 to—\$3 a pair.

Women's silk vests that were \$1.75 reduced to—\$1; the 75c grade to—50c.

Fans—75c to \$9 Beauties—Lose One-Third of these Prices.

Black and white silk gauze fans, plain kinds and very handsome. Always gifts that please. These on a price scale of 75c and the between prices up to \$9—ONE-THIRD OFF.

Half Prices on Frames, Pictures, Toilet Pieces.

A lot of very pretty pictures, many pleasing subjects, 15c to \$2.50 each, Monday and while they last—HALF PRICES.

Metal and imitation leather photo frames, different sizes and shapes, 25c to 50c each regular—HALF PRICE.

Manicure and toilet pieces with real stag horn or sterling silver handles, 20c to \$1.50 each—HALF THESE PRICES.

Great Price Reductions on Rich Opera and Evening Coats.

Elegant Christmas Gifts.

Imported models and the most exclusive that Parisian modistes had on show for the present winter theatre and party wear. If you want to give a superb gift—any one of these coats is the thing. Four days—

\$45 Coats for \$30.

Two. Made of white panne velvet, 32 and 36 inch length. One trimmed with heavy silk cord and pendants; the other has touches of satin and heliotrope velvet and gold buttons to ornament. Both handsome coats.

\$50 Coats for \$37.50.

Two. White broadcloth, 42 inches long, handsomely trimmed with lace or silk braid and velvet. Both charming styles.

\$55 Coat for \$40.

Made of white chalk broadcloth, 45 inches long, deep cape over shoulders, fancy collar of green velvet, touches of green silk for trimming. Handsome coat.

\$60 Coat for \$47.50.

Made of white Esquimaux cloth with trimmings of blue broadcloth, white silk braid collar and girdle, ecru lace on sleeves.

\$85 Coat for \$42.50.

Made of white broadcloth, 45 inches long, double capes, plaited, loose back, trimming of rich silk pendants. A few others are equally reduced.

All Our Beautiful Neckwear for Women at One-Fourth Off Regular Prices.

A most remarkable thing just at Christmas when full regular prices should be looked for. Beauty did tempt us into buying extravagantly—there's the reason of price difference, for stock must be down by inventory time. Plenty of the dainty chiffon and silk collars, exquisitely made with all sorts of fancy stitches, open work, lace applique; plenty of the silk stocks in the Fifth Avenue, Alsatian and others. A number of pretty turn-overs. Handsome long scarfs elaborately embroidered and the rich Persian effects. Four days—

Long scarfs, \$1.50 up to \$12 each—ONE-FOURTH OFF THESE PRICES.

Silk stocks and fancy collars, 60c to \$3.50—ONE-FOURTH OFF THESE PRICES.

Men's House Coats and Robes—One-Third Off Prices.

We prepared splendidly for the holiday selling of men's house coats and robes. A variety that would be impossible to describe in this limited space. Materials are zibelines, velvets, double face fabrics and others. Plain effects, checks and stripes. Best of styles. Coats until now have been \$4.50 up to \$15.50 each. The robes—full length—\$5 up to \$65. Four days—ONE-THIRD TAKEN OFF THESE PRICES.

Men's 35c Box Suspenders—25c.

Christmas suspenders—fancy elastic web, splendid fasteners. In pretty boxes. Reduced from 35c to—25c.

Women's Lounging Robes—One-Fourth Off Prices.

All the full length robes and we've a mighty fine stock of them. Beauties to please the dainty taste and plain to please the practical. Pretty French flannel robes, either down and the rich, luxuriously Japanese quilted kirds. Price scale—\$3.50 to \$35. Four days—ONE-FOURTH OFF THESE PRICES.

All Silk Petticoats—One-Third Off Regular Prices.

Silk petticoats are favorite gifts. Whether it's to give or to keep tho, this great price reduction which will not come your way again soon should be an incentive to buy. The season's newest styles of every kind. White, black, all colors and the changeable—the entire collection of silk petticoats, \$6.00 to \$35—ONE-THIRD OF REGULAR PRICE TAKEN OFF.

Girls' Tailor Suits and Long Coats—Half Priced.

Fifteen fashionable pretty coats for girls of 10, 12 and 14 years. Mostly fine jersey cloth in blue, red and tan shades. Only long styles. Regular price \$27.50, now—\$13.75.

A group of snappy little tailor suits for misses. Made of plain cloths and fancy mixtures with the natty Norfolk jacket or favorite long skirted and short blouses. For 10 to 16 year girls. Regular prices have been \$10, \$14, \$16, \$17.50, \$22 and \$25 each, choose four days at—HALF THESE PRICES.

Boys' outing flannel night shirts, well made, neatly finished, sizes 7 to 12, the 30c and 60c kinds for—25c.

Toy Chance—Three Tables Full at Cheapened Prices

Broken assortments will occur where the selling has been so fast and furious as here the last week. Three good full tables are formed of just these and up to half price savings will you have by coming promptly—

10c table will contain toys up to 20c each.
15c table will contain toys up to 30c each.
25c table will contain toys up to 50c each.
35c table will contain toys up to 75c each.

Dolls Nearly Half-Priced.

Some dolls that by a twist of the head will cry, laugh or go to sleep, Monday and until gone—
The 85c size for—48c.
The \$1 size for—62c.
The \$1.25 size for—75c.

All Our Choice Art Pieces—One-Third Off Regular Prices.

Bric-a-Brac, Statuettes, Potteries.

News of greatest interest for art-lovers. A collection of real art things that will compare with the most pretentious of large eastern stores. Heads, vases, lamps, statuettes, Japanese antique bronzes, rich potteries, jardinières, Japanese vases, exquisite Japanese ivory pieces, Austrian glass, Royal Vienna, Royal Bonn, Cloisonne, Satsuma, opaline glass, Tiffany glass, handsome marble pieces, pedestals, etc.—hundreds and hundreds of things ornamental that could not be described. Prices begin at \$2 and go easily up to \$150 each—ONE-THIRD OFF THESE PRICES.

A number of small bric-a-brac pieces, pretty and desirable little gifts, sell regularly at 15c and \$1.25 each—HALF THESE PRICES.

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